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Khmer Communist initiatives at Prey Veng were limited yesterday to sporadic shellings and ground probes. Government defenders killed over 100 insurgents and captured significant quantities of equipment during the opening round of fighting on May 1.

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The government base at Lovek, 25 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, remains under considerable pressure. Communist ground attacks are heaviest from the east and south and government defenses have been hit by some of the heaviest artillery and mortar barrages of the war. US defense attaches visited Lovek yesterday and reported that the refugee-packed base is facing severe food

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and water shortages.

In the far southwest, the Communist siege of Kampot City appears broken. Some government troops have pushed out more than one mile from the city and shipping channels leading to Kampot are open for the first time in over a month.